

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ROGER SOMERVILLE**, on January 5, 2001  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Roger Somerville, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. William Price (R)  
Rep. Allen Rome (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)  
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Steven Gallus (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donna Huffman, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

#### **ORIENTATION MEETING**

Chairman Roger Somerville opened by welcoming the members of the committee and letting them introduce themselves.

The Chairman introduced Dave Galt, Director of Department of Transportation. Dave Galt presented an orientation notebook and gave an overview of the Dept. of Transportation with topics

including Mission, Organizational Chart and Personnel Contact Lists. See Exhibit 1.

Dave Galt introduced Jim Currie, Deputy Director of DOT. Mr. Currie gave an overview of the Transportation Commission with topics including Structure, Process and Authority. See Exhibit 1.

Mr. Currie introduced Debbie Alke, Administrative Officer of Aeronautics Division. Ms. Alke gave an overview of the Aeronautics Division and Board with topics including Responsibilities, Funding and MT Airport and Airstrip Information. See Exhibit 1.

Ms. Alke introduced John Blacker, Administrator of Maintenance Division and Patricia Saindon, Administrator of Transportation Planning and Programming Division. Mr. Blacker gave an overview of Maintenance Issues with topics including Maintenance Program Information. Ms. Saindon gave an overview of Secondary Highway Construction Project Selection Process. See Exhibit 1.

Mr. Currie spoke on Major Issues concerning Program Delivery. Gary Gilmore, Administrator of Engineering Division spoke on Major Issues concerning Stream Discharge Permits. Ms. Saindon spoke on Major Issues concerning Reauthorization, Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) and Corridor-specific legislative initiatives. Mr. Blacker spoke on Major Issues concerning Noxious Weeds. See Exhibit 1.

**EXHIBIT (trh03a01)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

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REP. ROGER SOMERVILLE, Chairman

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DONNA HUFFMAN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (trh03aad)